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SUBJ: THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE AUTHORITY

1. GOC INTRODUCED ON FEB. 2, BILL C-82 TERMINATING JURISDICTION ON THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE AUTHORITY OVER CANADIAN SIDE OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AS OF MARCH 1, 1976. JURISDICTION WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY FEDERAL RPT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. EXTAFF MINISTER SENT LETTER SAME DATE TO CHAIRMAN CLINTON MARSH AT COLLINS LANDING, ALEXANDRIA BAY, NEW YORK, ADVISING HIM OF THIS AND DECLINING AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF MATURITY DATE OF CERTAIN BONDS IT HAD ISSUED. THERE IS ALSO INVOLVED A QUESTION OF BACK TAXES OWED TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE FRONT OF LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE IN ONTARIO WHICH PRESUMABLY THE AUTHORITY IS NOW BEING CALLED UPON TO PAY.

2. COMMENT: TEXT OF LETTER TO MARSH AND OF BILL C-82 BEING FORWARDED TO EUR/CAN. THEY SHOULD BE READ IN CONNECTION WITH GOC POLICY STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES TRANSMITTED WITH OTTAWA'S A-553, OCTOBER 23, 1973. IT SOULD BE NOTED THAT CONGRESSMAN ROBERT MCEWEN HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE STATUS OF THE THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE AUTHORITY.

3. D.R. MCPHEE (USA DIVISION, EXTAFF) HAS TOLD TCO THAT FEDERAL AND ONTARIO GOVERNMENT HAVE NOW REACHED AN AGREEMENT VESTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. (THERE ARE TWO MINOR BRIDGES CONNECTING QUEBEC AND NEW YORK PLUS NEW
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BRUNSWICK AND MAINE, BUT ALL MAJOR BRIDGES CONNECT

WITH ONTARIO.) RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES
WILL MOVE WITHIN GOC FROM EXTAFF TO MINISTRY OF
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